GENERAL HOSPITAL—OPHTHALMIC, DENTIST, ETC., DEPARTMENTS—PARTICULARS REGARDING

72. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when were the departments of Ophthalmology, dentistry and the diseases of nose and throat created in the General Hospital;

(*b*) what is the average attendance in each of them;

(*c*) how many in-patients (average) in each;

(*d*) what is the grade of the medical men in each;

(*e*) are there honoraries attached to each;

(*f*) are all of them under paid men;

(*g*) if not, which are under paid men?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) An eye section was started in the General Hospital some 20 years ago and it was made a separate Hospital from 1st Makaram 1108.

A dental section was opened in the General Hospital from 1st Edavam 1114. and

The Ear, Nose and Throat section from 10th Edavam 1114.

(*b*) Ophthalmic Hospital 172

Dental section 20

Ear, Nose and Throat section 36

(*c*) Ophthalmic Hospital 40

Dental section. No in-patient department.

Ear, Nose and Throat section do.

(*d*) Ophthalmic Hospital—An Assistant Surgeon-in-charge on Rs. 125-5-200 and a Sub-Assistant Surgeon on Rs. 60-4-120.

Dental section—A Dental Surgeon on Rs. 150-10-200.

Ear, Nose and Throat section—No paid medical officer. An Honorary Assistant Surgeon is in charge of this section.

(*e*), (*f*) & (*g*) In the Ophthalmic Hospital there are two honorary medical Officers besides the two paid hands. The Ear, Nose and Throat section is run by an Honorary Assistant Surgeon alone. There are no honorary hands in the Dental Section.

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